GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3604
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DELAY DUE TO FOG
MINATI SEN

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether flights were delayed due to thick fog at Kolkata Airport during December/January:

(b) if so, the steps being taken to deal with this problem;

(c) whether Instrument Landing System (ILS) has been installed only at the Indira Gandhi International Airport (IGI) in the capital;

(d) whether AAI was to install the Category III ILS at the Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose International Airport to improve visibility to avoid flight delay; and

(e) if so, the steps taken in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): At present, Instrument Landing System (ILS) Category-I is provided at Kolkata airport. Necessary equipment for category-II compliance has already been installed. Action has been initiated for upgradation of the associated ground lighting facilities to upgrade the airport for Category-II operations.

(c): No, Sir. ILS is in operation at 34 airports all over the country and there are plans for installing ILS at 6 more airports.

(d): No, Sir.

(e): Does not arise.